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The *Meliponidae* (Stingless Bees) of Caripito, Northeastern Venezuela.¹

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The following stingless bees were collected in Caripito, State of Monagas, Venezuela, during a seven months' stay from February to September, 1942. It is interesting to note that of the six forms taken, one species and two subspecies were not taken by the Department in British Guiana approximately 400 miles away.²

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Melipona fasciata lateralis variety *kangarumensis* Cockerell.

Three females captured on March 24. Their nest was within a termite's nest. The species ranges south through the Guianas and Brazil.

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² See Herbert F. Schwartz, "The Stingless Bees (*Meliponidae*) of British Guiana and Some Related Forms," *Bull. Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist.*, Vol. LXXIV, Art. VII, pp. 437-508, (1938).

Melipona fasciata trinitatis Cockerell.

Two specimens, both workers, taken on May 12 and June 13. Described from Trinidad. This is the first record from the South American mainland.

Trigona (Trigona) amalthea (Oliver).

One worker captured on March 3. This species has a very wide distribution, being found from Mexico to Argentina.

Trigona (Trigona) hyalinata variety *branneri* Cockerell.

One female collected on March 3. This species has been reported from Brazil, Peru, Guianas and Venezuela.

Trigona (Trigona) trinidadensis trinidadensis (Provancher).

Twelve workers captured on the following dates: February 28, March 15, May 15, July 1 (3 specimens), August 19 (2), August 25 and August 30 (3). Widely distributed in South America although we did not collect it at Kartabo, British Guiana.

Trigona (Tetragona) nigra variety *paupera* (Provancher).

Three workers captured on the following dates: April 14, April 15 and May 2. The last specimen was taken from a nest in the laboratory roof. This variety has been reported from Colombia.